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Title: A MULTIPLY TRANSFORMED KOJI MOLD AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A FLAVOR ENHANCER USING THE SAME Inventors: 1) Genryou UMITSUKI, 2) Hiroe SATO, 3) Misao SUGISHITA,

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- Application 25 pages, including 1 independent claim and 16 claims 1. total.
- Sequence Listing 3 pages. 2.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney. 3.
- Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Kikkoman 4. Corporation.
- Copy of Deposit Receipt for Microorganism with English Translation 5. thereof for Accession No. FERM BP-7478.
- Copy of certified Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-064739, filed on 6. March 9, 2000.



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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-064739, filed March 9, 2000.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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